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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 38-50 without prejudice so that the claims read as follows:

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled).

B/ 15. (Previously Presented) An absorbent garment comprising:
a body panel having a length and a side edge; and
a fastening member comprising at least two independently moveable tab members each having an engagement portion releasably and refastenably engaging said body panel, wherein said tab members extend laterally inward from said side edge of said body panel, each of said engagement portions having an engagement length, wherein the sum of said engagement lengths is at least about 20% of said body panel length.

16. (Original) The invention of claim 15 wherein the sum of said engagement lengths is less than about 90% of said body panel length.

17. (Original) The invention of claim 16 wherein the sum of said engagement lengths is between about 30% and about 80% of said body panel length.

18. (Original) The invention of claim 17 wherein the sum of said engagement lengths is between about 40% and about 60% of said body panel length.

19. (Original) The invention of claim 15 wherein said body panel comprises a front body panel.

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20. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 19 wherein said fastening member comprises a carrier member having a length and further comprising a rear body panel comprising a side edge having a length secured to said side edge of said front body panel along a seam having a length.

21. (Original) The invention of claim 20 wherein said length of said carrier member is at least about 50% of said length of said seam.

22. (Original) The invention of claim 21 wherein said length of said carrier member is at least about 90% of said length of said seam.

23. (Original) The invention of claim 20 wherein said length of said carrier member is at least about 50% of said length of said side edge of said rear body panel.

24. (Original) The invention of claim 23 wherein said length of said carrier member is at least about 90% of said length of said side edge of said rear body panel.

25. (Original) The invention of claim 20 wherein said carrier member is fixedly secured to said rear body panel.

26. (Original) The invention of claim 20 wherein said front body panel comprises a pair of side portions and a landing member extending between said side portions, wherein said at least two engagement portions are releasably engaged with said landing member, and wherein said carrier member is fixedly secured to said side portions of said front body panel.

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27. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 20 said front and rear body panels have substantially the same width.

28. (Previously Presented) An absorbent garment comprising:
a body panel having a length and a side edge; and
a fastening member comprising a carrier member defining at least two independently moveable tab members extending laterally inward from said side edge of said body panel and an engagement portion disposed on each of said tab members, wherein said engagement portions releasably and refastenably engage said body panel, and wherein each of said engagement portions has an engagement length, wherein the sum of said engagement lengths is at least about 20% of said body panel length.

29. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 28 wherein the sum of said engagement lengths is less than about 90% of said body panel length.

30. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 29 wherein the sum of said engagement lengths is between about 30% and about 80% of said body panel length.

31. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 30 wherein the sum of said engagement lengths is between about 40% and about 60% of said body panel length.

32. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 28 wherein said body panel comprises a front body panel, wherein said carrier member comprises a base portion, wherein said tab members extend from said base portion, and wherein said base portion has a length, and further comprising a rear body panel comprising a side edge having a length secured to said side edge of said front body panel along a seam having a length,

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wherein said length of said carrier member is at least about 50% of said length of said seam.

33. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 32 wherein said length of said carrier member is at least about 90% of said length of said seam.

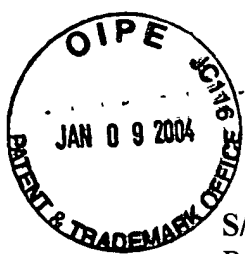
34. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 32 wherein said length of said carrier member is at least about 50% of said length of said side edge of said rear body panel.

35. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 32 wherein said carrier member is fixedly secured to said rear body panel.

36. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 28 wherein said body panel comprises a landing member, wherein said at least two engagement portions are releasably engaged with said landing member.

37. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 32 wherein said front and rear body panels have substantially the same width.

Claims 38-50 (Cancelled).



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